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Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives and salient features of the Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (DEDS);
(b) the number of beneficiaries of the scheme, State-wise;
(c) whether the scheme has been effective in increasing the milk production and reducing poverty in rural areas of the country; and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) the amount of funds sanctioned by the Government for DEDS during each of the last three years and the current year?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIYA)
(a) The objectives and salient features of the Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (DEDS) is as under:
i) To generate self-employment and provide infrastructure for dairy sector;
ii) To set up modern dairy farms and infrastructure for production of clean milk;
iii) To encourage heifer calf rearing for conservation and development of good breeding stock;
iv) To bring structural changes in the unorganized sector, so that initial processing of milk can be taken up at the village level;
v) To upgrade traditional technology to handle milk on a commercial scale, and
vi) To provide value addition to milk through processing and production of milk products.
(b) The number of dairy units established/ beneficiaries benefited under DEDS is given at Annexure.
(c) Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries has conducted evaluation and impact study of DEDS through National Productivity Council (NPC), New Delhi during 2014. NPC in it's Evaluation and Impact Study report has stated, amongst others, that
1. There has been an increase of around 123 percent in overall average milk production per beneficiary entrepreneur.
2. Around 82% of beneficiaries reported to have less dependence on borrowed money now specially in Maharashtra, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh
3. More than 2.0 lakh persons have got additional employment.
(d) The funds released by the Department under DEDS during last three years and the current year are as under:
(Rs in Crore)

Year	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as on 17.12.2015)
Fund Released	310.00	284.30	154.59	112.00

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